

Illinois has the third largest state highway and interstate systems in the nation. While these systems only make up a fraction of all roadways, they are the most heavily used, carrying the majority of traffic. In FY 2003, the highway program included \$1.7 billion in federal, state and local matching funds, with the majority of funds programmed to preserve and modernize the existing system of highways and bridges.

### **FY 2003 Highway Program at a Glance**

- 35,700 jobs created
- 1,561 miles of road improvements
- 319 bridge improvements
- Reconstructed of I-290 (Eisenhower Expressway) in Cook County
- Reconstruction of I-55/74 at Bloomington-Normal in McLean County
- Reconstruction of I-70 in Clark County
- Constructed 9.2 miles, new interchange and bridges on US 67 in Morgan County
- Reconstruction of I-74 in Peoria

Northeastern Illinois has the second largest combined transit system in the nation, while downstate urban transit systems provide service in southwestern Illinois, 11 urbanized areas and 31 rural and small-urban areas.

In FY 2003, the transit program allocated \$1.116 billion in federal, state and local funds for operating assistance. The program also allocated \$1.204 billion in capital assistance.

## FY 2003 Transit Program at a Glance

- 25,000 jobs created
- Chicago area transit agencies provided 558.5 million trips for commuters
- Rehabilitation/reconstructing CTA Blue, Red, Purple & Brown Lines track and structures
- Upgrade Metra service and extend service on the Southwest and Union Pacific West lines
- Includes \$45 million to purchase buses, vanpool equipment and radio system upgrade for PACE

## FY 2003 TRANSIT PROGRAM FUNDING

### Operating Assistance

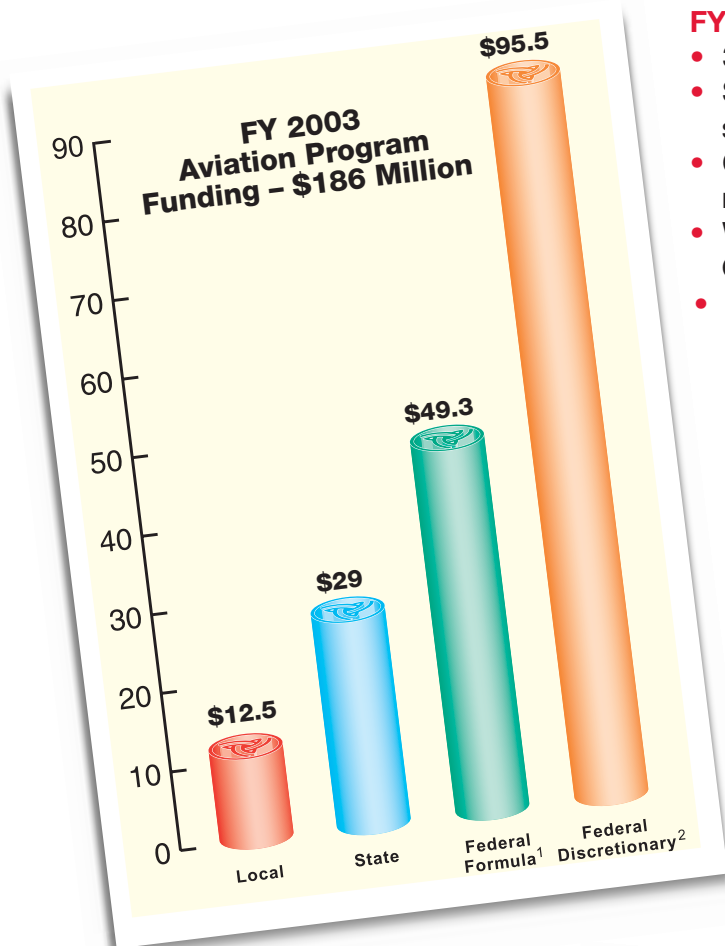
Source	Amount
Federal	\$12,350,000
State	\$398,320,000
Local	\$706,310,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,116,980,000</b>

### Capital Assistance

Federal	\$607,680,000
State	\$355,980,000
Local	\$240,690,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,204,350,000</b>



Illinois' airport system is the second largest in the nation with 114 airports designated for public use, including Chicago O'Hare, the world's busiest airport, and 267 heliports. The FY 2003 Highway Program included more than \$186 million in federal, state and local matching funds for improvement projects at airports throughout Illinois. The funded projects improve the safety and efficiency of the airports and enhance opportunities for economic development in communities throughout the state.



### FY 2003 Aviation Program at a Glance

- 3,900 jobs created
- Supported improvements to runways, taxiways and safety equipment additions at 76 airports statewide
- Continued efforts to reduce congestion in the northeastern Illinois air corridor
- Working with Chicago to modernize and expand O'Hare
- Began work on Tier II Environmental Impact Statement and purchasing land for the inaugural South Suburban Airport





## FY 2003 RAIL PROGRAM FUNDING

### Capital Assistance

State	\$37,000,000
Federal	\$7,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,000,000</b>

### Rail Passenger Program

State	\$10,600,000
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The Illinois Department of Transportation became a participant in one of the most ambitious modernization projects in railroad history as it joined forces with private sector railroads, the city of Chicago and other local agencies to form the CREATE project. CREATE is a \$1.6 billion public/private partnership with an unparalleled level of cooperation between private industry and government. The goal is to improve rail freight flow through the city of Chicago and the surrounding regions.

IDOT has committed \$10 million to begin design work to ease rail freight congestion in the Chicagoland area. This rail freight congestion has long plagued the area, creating traffic tie-ups for local commuters, increasing wear and tear on local roads and causing countless lost revenues in shipping delays.

The Department continues to make improvements along the Chicago-St. Louis High-Speed Rail corridor. A \$50 million track upgrade project is nearly complete, and LED signs informing passengers of arrival and departure times have been installed along the entire corridor.



## SAFETY

From passenger safety programs to work zone safety, IDOT has developed an ambitious and aggressive program to help save lives on Illinois roads and bridges.

### Traffic Safety

Click It or Ticket and You Drink, You Drive, You Lose are the two major traffic safety campaigns that IDOT has been working on to raise awareness of safety in Illinois. Safety teams have been designated throughout the state to deliver presentations to community groups, school districts and business organizations on the importance of traffic safety. Governor Blagojevich has also approved over \$4 million in funding to agencies and localities to administer traffic safety programs statewide so the message is consistent throughout Illinois that safety is a priority.

### Work Zone Safety Improvements

The following is a list of activities that have been planned, implemented or completed in recent months to improve highway safety:

- Increased fines for speeding in work zones
- Better defined work zone
- Increased work zone speed enforcement
- Use of remote-controlled flagger devices
- Increased use of photo enforcement technology in work zones
- Provided additional barrier protection for workers in work zones
- Nighttime illumination of flagger stations

### Amber Alert

IDOT cooperates with the Illinois State Police in the AMBER Alert Notification Plan by displaying information concerning a missing/abducted child believed to be endangered on our permanent changeable message signs along our freeway system.

The information is also broadcast over the department's radio system statewide every 1/2 hour while the alert is in effect so that our field crews will be alerted to the situation and can watch for the vehicle involved.





## SERVICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

Our customers are the people who travel throughout Illinois. From rest areas to emergency services, the IDOT team works hard to ensure the traveling public is safe.

### Emergency Services

**24-Hour Emergency Management** – The Communication Center is open 24/7 to receive incident, disaster and emergency-related calls. If necessary, the Communication Center notifies duty officers when action has to be taken by IDOT staff. Duty officers report to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to represent the department in coordination of multi-agency responses to disasters.

**Disaster Recovery** – The IDOT emergency services team is well trained to respond to life-threatening incidents. In the past year, our team provided assets to relieve communities from both natural and man-made disasters.

**Tamaroa Train Derailment** – The IDOT Operations crew set up and maintained traffic control and assisted the local law enforcement officials with traffic control. February 2003



**Tornado Disaster - Massac, Alexander, Pope and Pulaski counties.** IDOT crews removed debris and assisted local public works staff in debris removal. May 6, 2003

**Tornado Disaster - Tazewell, Adams, Brown, Fulton, Greene, Hancock, Mason, McDonough, Schuyler and Woodford counties.**

Re-opened roads by removing debris and assisted locals in debris removal. May 11, 2003

**Tornado Disaster - Logan and DeWitt counties.**

Re-opened roads by removing debris and assisted locals in debris removal. May 30-31, 2003

**Tornado Disaster - Cook, Hancock, Henry, Iroquois, McLean, Stark and Winnebago counties.**

Re-opened roads by removing debris and assisted locals in debris removal. July 4, 2003



## BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, BREAKING BARRIERS

Building relationships with the community, elected officials, businesses and other stakeholders is essential to the success of our transportation program. Through these partnerships, IDOT obtains valuable information on the key issues facing various regions.



## CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS

For the past year, IDOT has been working to develop policies and methods that will reach out to communities affected by major transportation projects and include their voices in the decision-making process. This effort is known throughout the national transportation industry as Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS). It involves creating a systematic approach to identifying, contacting and working with stakeholders who will be affected by a particular project and using that input to help when planning for and designing the project.

Using the CSS approach, IDOT will seek to involve stakeholders early and often in the planning and design process and give communities a sense of buy-in and pride over the projects affecting them. IDOT, as the agency ultimately responsible for the integrity and safety of the transportation system, must still make the final decisions regarding a project's features. However, the extensive stakeholder involvement envisioned by the CSS approach can help IDOT make decisions based on the best available information about community needs and impacts. The department looks forward to implementing this approach in the coming years.

For more information, including a report issued by IDOT on its development and outline for CSS policy, please visit our CSS website at <http://www.dot.il.gov/css/home.html>.

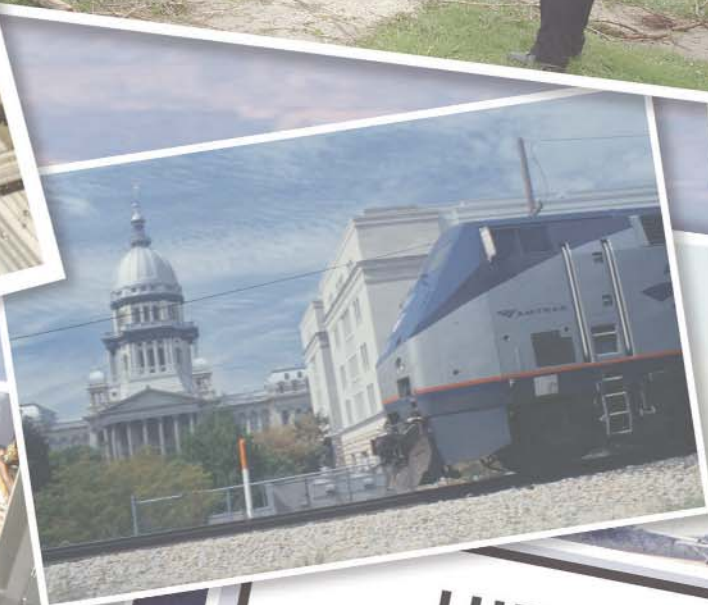
## IDOT FAST FACTS

Illinois Total Miles .....	139,843 miles
IDOT Jurisdiction .....	16,231 miles
Illinois Total Bridges .....	26,347 bridges
IDOT Jurisdiction .....	7,789 bridges
Annual Vehicle Miles Traveled (AVMT) Statewide .....	106.5 billion
AVMT on roads under IDOT .....	60.6 billion
Licensed Drivers .....	8 million
Registered Vehicles (excludes motorcycles) .....	10.5 million
Registered Passenger Cars .....	7.9 million
Gallons of fuel consumed annually .....	6,425 million
IDOT Program Budget FY '03 .....	4,253 billion
IDOT Program Budget FY '04 .....	3,606 billion
Employees (March 15, 2004) .....	6,267
IDOT-Led Public Meetings .....	196
Adopt-a-Highway Miles .....	3,200
Organizations .....	1,275
Participants .....	10,200
Motor Vehicle Carriers Intrastate .....	12,345
Interstate .....	9,431
Illinois Pilots .....	25,000 est.
Public Airports .....	114
Heliports .....	267

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